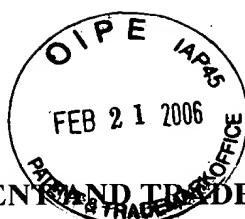


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"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yoshihiro USUDA, et al.

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EXAMINER: Fronda, C.L.

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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-METHIONINE BY FERMENTATION

NOTICE OF APPEAL

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated November 18, 2005
The items checked below are appropriate:

- A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 was filed for months.
 A timely response to the final rejection has **not** been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.
 A Petition for Extension of Time for filing the Notice of Appeal is attached.
 A Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review is attached.

Fee: \$500.00

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
 A check is Enclosed
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 Charge to Deposit Account No. 15-0030 (an additional copy of this notice is enclosed herewith).
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